

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by encouraging competition amongst the reporters, producers and broadcast personalities. Huge companies can afford to be sloppy and controlling. I believe that the current rules should be strengthened and enforced, thus limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. There are many important stories and developments in culture which are not being presented by media conglomerates.

If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to be informed with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I strongly encourage the Commission to hold public hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. I think it is important for the FCC to give special attention to the eventual 'consumers' of media, especially people social or civic interest in the outcome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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